SEBs so as to yield the statutory Minimum surplus of 3 per cent per annum. They have also been advised to take measures such as equity participation provision of grants to meet the losses due to supply of power to the agricultural sector, timely revision of tariff, improving the performance of ganerating stations, reducing transmission and distribution losses and fixaton of minimum agricultural power tariff of 50 paise/kwh etc.

Koel Karo Project

928. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SORUCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the proposal to finalso the Koel Karo Hydro Electric Project;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken thereon;

(d) whether there are any obstacles in the implementation of the project, if so the details thereof; and

(e) what is the amount spent so far and estimated budget sanction for the year 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The 710 MW Koel Kare Hydroelectric Project in Ranchi district of Bihar has been sanctioned by the Government in November, 1991 at an estimated cost of Rs. 1338.81 crores including Interest during Construction.

(d) The project has been sanctioned only recently and the Govt. is keen to ensure its expenditious implementation.

(e) The total expenditure incurred on pre-construction and infrastructural works of the project upto January, 1992 is Rs. 9.92 crores. NHPC has earmarked Rs. 5 crores for the project in its budget for the year 1991-92.

टिहरी जलविद्युत परियोजना की समीक्षा

929. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या **विद्युत और गैर-पारंपरिक ऊर्जास्रोत** मंत्री 25 फरवरी, 1992 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न 9 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पूर्ववर्ती सोवियत संघ द्वारा टिहरी जल विद्युत परियोजना के लिए वित्तीय सहायता की कुल कितनी राशि देने का वचन दिया गया था ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि सोवियत तकनीकी विशेषज्ञों ने पिछले कुछ महीनों के दौरान भारत सरकार को एक सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट दी है जिसमें यह कहा गया है कि यह बांध अलाभकारी सिद्ध होने की संभावना है और यह कि बांध से पर्याप्त जल उपलब्ध नहीं हो पायेगा ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार निधियों की कमी, बांध में पानी की कमी और इस बांध के खिलाफ जनरोष को देखते हुए इस परियोजना पर पुनर्विचार करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विद्युत और गैर पारंपरिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) भारत सरकार और सोवियत संघ सरकार के बीच नवम्बर, 1986 में हस्ताक्षरित अन्तःशासकीय समझौते के अनुसार टिहरी जल विद्युत काम्पलैक्स के लिए 1000 मिलियन रूबल के सोवियत क्रेडिट की व्यवस्था की गई है ।

(ख) सोवियत तकनीकी विशेषज्ञों से इस प्रकार की कोई सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट प्राप्त नहीं हुई है । तथापि, सोवियत

विशेषज्ञों द्वारा टिहरी जल-विद्युत परियोजना के सम्बन्ध में तैयार की गई विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्ट में यह उल्लेख किया गया है कि मई-जून की अवधि के दौरान जलाशय से सिंचाई कार्य हेतु पर्याप्त मात्रा में जल प्राप्त नहीं होगा। चूंकि परियोजना के अन्तर्गत, शीतकालीन महीनों के दौरान रबी फसल की सिंचाई हेतु पर्याप्त मात्रा में जल उपलब्ध कराए जाने की व्यवस्था की गई है, अतः इस स्थिति से सोवियत विशेषज्ञों को अवगत करा दिया गया था जोकि अपनी रिपोर्ट में संशोधन किए जाने हेतु सहमत हो गये हैं।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, I am on a point of order.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Before you leave...

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.]

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 1992 to unstarred Question 41 regarding decline in imports

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rapya Sabha on the 25th February, 1992 to Unstarred Question 41 regarding decline in imports. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—14094/92)

(Intrruptions)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chidambaram, he has some problem... *(Interruptions)*... Mr. Reddy, will you please take your seat? Mr. Yashwant Sinha has some problem regarding this statement... *(Interruptions)*... Hon. Members, please go back to your seats. Don't disturb please. He has got some problem.

आप बैठ जाइये, जरा पीछे.. (व्यवधान)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra pradesh): Call the House to order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, I am calling the House to order... *(Interruptions)*... Never mind, another Minister is answering you... *(Interruptions)*... Order please.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): Madam Deputy Chairman, the Minister of Commerce is trying to correct reply to the question which I had asked very recently in this session. Now what I want to point out to the hon. Minister is that even in the so-called corrected version, he is still persisting with a mistake.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I am sorry. I did not see it.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: In the main reply you are saying that the imports were $17962 million in April-December, 1990 and $4272 million in April-December, 1991 and in the Annexure to the main reply which you have given, you have given two different sets of figures. Now I can understand that the figures for April-December, 1991 could be provisional but how could April-November, 1990 figure still be provisional? Why don't you give us the final figure? There is a basic difference here of something like $2 billion.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me point out to the hon. Members that when there is a statement by the Minister correcting answer to Unstarred Question, generally we don't allow any clarification on it. But as a special consideration, we are allowing it.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: It is not a question. It is only a clarification. I am only trying to help the Minister to correct it more than he is correcting.